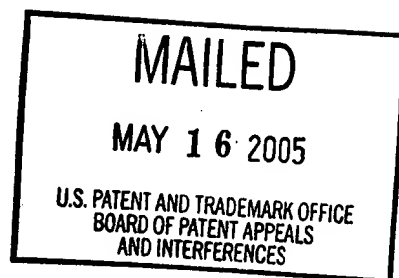


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte KAREN A. KREUTZ
LISA A. MACKAY, DONNA R. HILL
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Application 09/653,012

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on January 31, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

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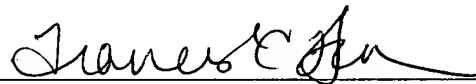
On January 7, 2004 the applicants filed two papers; a reply brief and a Request for Oral Hearing. These papers should be scanned separately in the electronic file.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to: 1) have the request for oral hearing scanned as a separate paper, and 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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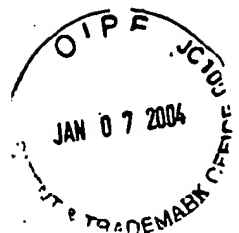


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.194(b), Appellants request an oral hearing in connection with the appeal for the above application.

Please charge the fee (believed to be \$290) required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g) to Deposit Account 16-2480. The commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to this Account Number. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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